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Sent: 4/11/2013 6:10:42 PM
To: hamilton@kbs.msu.edu
Subject: RE: KRCC PCB PR

Steve,

Thank you for your email for a number of reasons. You raise some important issues and I would like to follow up with a phone call. Are you free today? You can reach me at 312-353-8983. I would appreciate a call.

Michael

From: Steve Hamilton [mailto:hamilton@kbs.msu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 6:53 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Subject: Fwd: KRCC PCB PR

Hello Michael,

Perhaps you also saw this email I sent to Jim recently. As our coordinator Jamie explained, I need to draft a KRWC position statement about the Allied Site. We had a somewhat awkward discussion of the subject at our last board meeting, awkward because Gary Wager was present (he always attends as a visitor), as was a city employee who has been involved in the drinking water issue.

One of my biggest concerns about the Allied Site situation is that limited resources for overall river cleanup will be unnecessarily allocated to the Allied Site to allay community concerns about health threats that may not be real, or at least not as serious as aquatic food-chain biomagnification elsewhere in the river system.

It has been apparent for quite some time that if you could articulate the reasoning behind EPA's dismissal of the cheap EQ estimate, and the basis of your much higher estimate, then the community would understand this better. It seems that for a very long time these opposing opinions have been out there, with no rationale provided for EPA's opinions, and it does not help that the EPA estimate has apparently been increased recently. This does not engender trust and raises suspicions about motives that I suspect are unwarranted. If you cannot do it because you are constrained by the legal process, then at least explaining that would help.

I have not followed this whole affair as closely as I should have because in the past I delegated it to two of my board members (Jeff Spoelstra and Robert Whitesides), so please forgive me if I have misstated something. I've heard all about this second-hand.

Thanks,
Steve

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Hamilton <hamilton@kbs.msu.edu>
Subject: Fwd: KRCC PCB PR
Date: April 1, 2013 11:12:07 AM EDT
To: JAMES SARIC <Saric.James@epamail.epa.gov>

Hi Jim,

See below FYI. Here is what I told Gary:

"My understanding has always been that the other \$50m of the settlement was for cleanup in the Kalamazoo River, not cleanup "in general", and was specifically intended to address problems beyond the Allied Site. I think that promoting or even mentioning the use of that funding on the Allied Site requires careful consideration because it is money that would then not be available to prevent PCBs from entering aquatic food webs leading to fishes, a well documented risk to people and wildlife. We will be discussing this more at our next KRWC Board meeting on 8 April. "

I foresee a split in the community on this, and even if we get the KRWC Board on board with my view, we will be vastly outnumbered by citizens and city officials in what I suspect is a largely emotional reaction.

Please keep this email confidential. No need to respond.

Steve

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary Wager <glwager@gmail.com>

Subject: KRCC PCB PR

Date: April 1, 2013 10:52:15 AM EDT

To: Steve Hamilton <hamilton@kbs.msu.edu>, Bob Whitesides <whtsds@aol.com>, Jamie McCarthy <steffjam@gmail.com>

Greetings;

Here is our press release regarding EPA decision at the Allied site.

I sent out a draft agenda for the community meeting set for tomorrow at 7:00 pm, here at Goodwill. I included Bob as a member of the panel. Will that work, or would someone else from KRWC be available to participate in the discussion?

Thanks,

gw

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